GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DEATH DUE TO HEAT WAVE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons died due to heat wave in the country during 2005, State-wise; and

(b) the details of the compensation paid to the kith and kin of those who died due to heat wave, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a): As per the information received from the State Governments/Union Territories, 340 persons are reported to have died due to heat wave in the year 2005. The States which have reported deaths due to heat wave are Andhra Pradesh (98), Orissa (197), West Bengal (25) Rajasthan (14) and Punjab (6).

(b): There is no provision in the Schemes of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and Natural Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) to provide for financial assistance to the families of persons who have died due to heat wave.

The State Governments may provide assistance in such cases if there is a provision in their respective Relief Codes/Manuals. The State Governments of West Bengal and Orissa are reported to have provided compensation to the next of kith and kin of those who died due to heat wave @ Rs. 20,000 and Rs. 10,000 respectively.